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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: AF, PK
SUBJECT: PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS

REF: ISLAMABAD 1836

1. DURING MY CALL ON PRESIDENT DAOUD'S BROTHER MOHAMMUN NAIM ON MARCH 1 NAIM SET FORTH THE STANDARD AND FAMILIAR AFGHAN POSITION ON PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS, STRESSING THAT AFGHANISTAN COVETS NO PAK TERRITORY AND DOES NOT WANT A "WEAK PAKISTAN". HE SAID THAT HE DOES NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE GOP SEEMS UNWILLING TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOA BECAUSE A SOLUTION OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD BE OF GREAT BENEFIT TO BOTH. HE SPECULATED THAT THE GOP'S HESITATION IS DICTATED BY ITS INTERNAL WEAKNESS AND BY A NEED TO HAVE AN EXTERNAL ENEMY TO SHORE UP ITS INTERNAL SUPPORT. WHEN I COUNTERED THAT MY READING OF THE PRESENT PAKISTANI INTERNAL SITUATION IS THAT BHUTTO IS VERY MUCH IN CONTROL, NAIM SAID THAT BHUTTO'S CONTROL IS BASED ON FORCE AND, THEREFORE, CANNOT BE LONG-LASTING.

2. I ASKED NAIM IF THE GOA HAD YET RECEIVED A REPLY FROM THE GOP TO ITS LATEST COMMUNICATION SENT THROUGH THE TURKS. NAIM SAID THAT NO REPEAT NO REPLY HAS YET
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BEEN RECEIVED. INTERESTINGLY HE SAID THAT THE RECENT

LIBYAN INITIATIVE, IN HIS OPINION, WAS INSTIGATED BY THE
GOP. (SEE ISLAMABAD 0741, KABUL 0458 AND PREVIOUS.)
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